HE IS PERSECUTED

Asserts He Has Reformed and Police Hound Him for Political Reasons.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.-Believing honest living.

'Skid" Walker is sixty-seven years old and broken in health. He declares cent years. that he is innocent of the crime with which he is charged in Baltimore, and has produced his family physician and the druggist who filled his prescriptions to testfity that he was sick on Decem-ber & when the alleged crime was

Chief Mullen discovered on his armival that on the fourth, fifth, and saltimore criminal authorities, have repeatedly arrested Walker. This has resulted in driving away his wife and daughter. The latter is a beautiful young woman, who does not know her father, was ever a thief.

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Skid" Walker was arrested last February in Baltimore for picking a pocket; was tried, and found guilty. The judge was merciful, because of his falling health, and condemned him to six months in Jail. He fell dangerously ill in the prison and his life was despaired of. Congressmen, prominent clergy-men, and attorneys who knew "Skid" in his better days presented his case before the board of pardons. His sentence was commuted, and he was discharged on May 7.

He declares he has lived straight since then.

Sick When Crime Was Committed.

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While "Skid" Walker was lying dangerously fit at his home in this city, on December 28, an elderly thief went to the home of Mrs. McCann in Baltimore and stated that he wanted to rent her store. He also wished to find board, and after talking to Mrs. McCann and her daughter Mamie for awhile took the address of Mrs. Pearce, a few quares away, and engaged board there. That evening the elderly man took a oat and \$73 in cash from the Pearce

home.
The police department in Baltimore is an uproar at the beginning of May, when "Skid" Walker was discharged from prison.
Pumphrey, the retiring chief of detectives, has been suspected of graft.
One of the prominent police authorities came to "Skid" several times during his term in iail and "pumped" him in its term in jail and "pumped" him in legard to relations with Pumphrey. "Skid" Walker believes the Baltimore balice are anxious to get him down there to try to force him to confess something about the Pumphrey matter, of which he declares he knows nothing. of which he deciares he knows nothing to Wednesday, January II, he had so far recovered from his illness that he went out for a walk. He was arrested by a city hall detective. The

next morning he was given a hearing He was rearrested again as he left me was really and kept until Friday morning, when he was again dis-charged. He was arrested again and brought up for a hearing on Saturday

Wife and Daughter Gone.

By this time the Baltimore police

going down to Baltimore and con-nting the winess who had seen the erly thief who rebbed the Pearce

Mrs. McCann and her daughter Mamle did not recognize Walker as the man they had directed to the Pearce

Two newspaper men visited the Pearce bonie and secured from William Pearce, who had come to Philadelphia, an exact description of the thief. It was that he had light white hair, was slightly hald, and had a row complexion and was about sixty years old, a description that would fit almost any elderly man.

"Stal" Welker has been much more "Skid" Walker has been much more than a thief. He was never a professional thief, he claims, but has been a gambler, and at one time owned his own string of horses. At that time he was affluent, and endowed two beds in a hospital. For that act of generosity he became known as the "philanthropic has a string of horses." thlef," and the term has clung to him throughout life

FAMOUS THIEF SAYS FIREMEN IN PERIL FROM EXPLOSIONS

Endanger Hundreds of Lives in Boston.

BOSTON, Feb. 12.-The lives of more himself the victim of politics in the than 100 firemen were endangered, a police department of Baltimore, which six-story manufacturing block at 215- ing in her cell in the Tombs and pre charges him with larceny, "Skid" Wal- 221 High street was burned out, guests ker, once a thief whose record was of the hotel Rossmore were thrown coln's birthday in jail. known all over the country, but now into a panic, and the Fort Hill fire reformed, finds himself, through re- station was in danger of being depeated arrests, deprived of home and stroyed by fire, which started shortly family and denied a chance to earn an after 3:30 this morning and for three hours gave every available fireman the hardest early morning fire battle in re-

> A loss of more than \$100,000 was caused by flames and water. Four alarms and an automatic were rung in, calling to the scene every plece of apparatus in the in-town circuit.

every window. Solid masses of flame, followed by dense fumes from the chemicals, enveloped the building, making the iron fire escapes red hot

chemicals, enveloped the building, making the iron fire escapes red hot and charring the entire length of the extension ladders where firemen had been clinging by the score.

In a corner of the fire escape on the fourth floor Lieutenant Teehans, of Engine No. 7, was found clinging to one line of hose. He had not heard the chief's orders. Explosions had occurred from windows on either side of him. His comrades sprayed water over him from the street. Despite the inhim from the street. Despite the in-tense cold, Lieutenant Techans clothing was steaming from the heat when, after two hours grave peril, he de-At one time it looked as if the en-tire Fort Hill section of the city was

Baltimore Police Say They Do Want Walker

BALTIMORE, Feb. 12.-"We surely ire after Walker," said Captain of Deectives McGovern, when shown Walker's statement. "We hold an indiciment against him charging him with stealing \$70 in money, a check for he stops. To my knowledge he has never been 'hounded' by the police ex-

cept to the extent that a well-known criminal is 'hounded.'

'On our request the Philadelphia police picked him up, and he was dismissed because at that time there was no warrant. Later Captain Souder arrents, him on a warrant. Requisition had sent over a copy of an indictment rested him on a warrant. Requisition and a witness. Magistrate Scott discharged Walker on Saturday. He tied him, but he was discharged by the

charged Walker on Saturday. He found the house closed and his wife and daughter gone. Since then he has not heard from either.

There is an order in Baltimore issued to the police to arrest "Skid" Walker and to bring him in whenever he is found.

"Skid" Walker last Thursday insisted "Skid" Walker are going to try to get him."

Tied him, but he was discharged by the magistrate, much to our chagrin.

"I understand Walker has quite a political pull in Philadelphia, and lately some church people have taken him up, but that doesn't make any difference to us. When we have a warrant for a man charged with larceny we are going to try to get him."

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JAIL LIFE SHAMES SOCIETY SMUGGLER

Chemicals and Oil Ablaze Visit of Family and Fine Dinner Fail to Cheer Mrs. Corwin-Hill.

> NE WYORK, Feb. 12.-Mrs. Robert Menges Corwin-Hill, woke this morn pared to pass the anniversary of Lin-This is her second day in prison for smuggling. She will be set free tomor-

"It seems as though I could not bea the humiliation," she said to he rfather who called to see her.

Her plight will act as a warning. is hoped by the United States authorities, to women who think they are a liberty to defraud the customs

Dinner From Famous Cafe. Her father, aunt, uncle and physician, Dr. G. W. Colby, tried to see her last evening but had to walt two hours

before they could get into the bare cell. They ordered her a fine dinner from Martin's, but even that could not stop her tears or keep her from pondering on the shame of her situation. She was forced to take her Sunday exercise with sixty-one other women prisoners some accused of murder, of adger games, of therft, of immoral

living. Twenty-three of her companions weer negresses.

Her cage has iron bars on one side and stone walls on three sides. She made up her own oot this morning, but when her relatives weer admitted she was allowed to receive them in the ma tron's office. They brought her newspa pers and the accounts of her incarcera

ion made her weep bitterly. Court Fight for Valuables.

Another dinner will be sent in to Mrs Hill tonight and she will be released earl ytomorrow. She will not be per mitted to receive anyone within the fombs gates. They will have to wait for her out on the pavement. Her father will take her in a limousine to her home, No. 70 East Sixty-sixth street just off Fifth avenue. After all her humiliation she will still have to make a legal contest for the jewels and sables, for they were confiscated by the Government.

Balloons to Be Used As Targets for the Navy

That the Navy Department is not everlooking the probability that the balloon and aeroplane will have a large part in the next great war, is evident from the announcement that the depart-ment has ordered that firing at balloons stealing \$70 in money, a check for shall be included in the usual spring \$2.30, and clothing, amounting in all to target practice this year. Lieutenant Commander Palmer, director of target practice and engineering competition in the stops. To my knowledge he has this phase of the matter, and is working out the details.

Priests In China Urging Another Boxer Uprising

LONDON, Feb. 12 .- A dispatch today o the Pall Mall Gazette says that Bud-Boxer uprising against the foreigners

Danville Soldiers' Home In Election Fraud Probe

DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 12.-When the fermillion county grand jury resumes its duties tomorrow the first matter to ome before it will be the consideration of the wholesale election frauds which are charged as having taken place at the Soldiers' Home.

In addition to the soldiers themselves a number of barracks captains, who are charged with the actual buying of votes of old soldiers and voting them ille-gally, have been summoned and will testify before the jury tomorrow.

Divorced Nobleman to Wed Divorced American

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.-Baron Castell! di Villanova, divorced, and Mrs. Anna Presten Crittenden, divorced, will be principals in the next international wedding. The baron traces his ancestry back to the year 414, but he is not wealthy and has served the Italian government as a military surgeon, under the name of Dr. Enrico Castelli. Mrs. Chittenden was divorced from Dr. Arthur 8mith Chittenden, of Binghamton, N. Y.

Want to Bring Head Of Cromwell Over Sea

RISING SUN, Md., Feb. 12.-To bring o America the heirloom head of Oliver Cromwell is the plan of Misses Belle and Mary Nickle, descendants of the Lord Protector living near here. Cromwell's head was impaled on a spike on Westminster Hall in 1661, after the restoration, and there it remained for twenty-five years. During a storm it fell off. It is now at Kent in possession of a descendant.

Chinaman Charged With Selling Opium

Charles Moy, a Chinaman sixty years old, will be given a hearing in Police Court tomorrow on a charge of seiling

Recognized As World's **Champion Chicken Thief**

SUFFOLK, Va., Feb. 12.-Weston may hold the record for pedestrianism, Daniels for swimming, St. Yves for the Marathon, and the Wright brothers for aviation, but to Elias White, a negro, belongs the ribbon for chicken stealing. Elias, according to the local police, is the champion chicken pilferer of the world, having, in the fifty or more years world, having, in the firty or more years of his somewhat varied career, appropriated over 1,000 fowls: White is lodged in the local jail, having been captured last night while on the latest of his bird-hunting expeditions. He put up a stiff fight when discovered, but was finally overcome and will say "good marries," tomorrow. rning judge," tomorrow.

Georgia Planters Fear Spread of Boll Weevil

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 12.-Cotton planters throughout the State are disturbed by the threat of a malicious distribution of cotton boll weevils in Georgia. Governor-elect Hoke Smith has given out a letter from a Texan telling of such a plot, and the planters fear there is really something in it.

Compromise Candidate Is Picked In Honduras

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Feb. 12.-It was reported here today that the rival factions of President Davila of Honduras and General Bonilla, who is heading the Honduran revolution, have agreed on Carlos Alberto Ucles, Honduras' member of the Cartago peace court, as a compromise candidate for president.

His selection, it is said, was made at a conference aboard the United States cruiser Tacoma, which is pro-tecting American interests in Honduras.

Claims She Served In The Civil War As Man

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Feb. 12.-Mrs. court tomorrow on a charge of selling oplum. Moy was arrested in a room at 318 Pennsylvania avenue northwest by Pharmacy Inspector Sanders, on testimony of Albert Moore, colored. He was taken to the Sixth precinct where he taken to the Sixty-third Regiment of Illinois during the civil war disguised as was liberated today on a \$300 bond to a man. At times, she says, she was insure his appearance in Police Court. Sent on perilous missions as a spy into Confederate camps. Louise Elizabeth Bliss has applied to the

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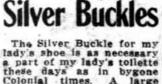
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The March Contributors To Munsey's Magazine

The March Munsey starts off with profusely illustrated article on the Supreme Court of the United States," by Isaac F. Marcosson, who sketches the personality of the new Chief Justice and his associates. Col. John S. Mosby, who commanded a force of rangers during the civil war, contributes 'My Recollections of General Grant." F Cunliffe-Owen, who probably has seener knowledge of the European court circles than any other writer in America, contributes an interesting paper entitled, "The Home of Exiled Royal-ty," being a descriptive article of Wood Norton, the beautiful English country estate of the Duc d'Orleans, who, if the Bourbon line should again reign over France, would assume the title of King Philippe VIII. It is at Wood Norton that the exiled Manuel of Portugal was

given refuge.

Judson C. Welliver reveals a deplorable state of affairs among Federal employes in "The Underpaid Employes of the United States Government;" and Dr. Woods Hutchinson answers the question, "Can a Good Voice Be Acquired by Training?" In the story of Richard Wagner, the real facts of the great composer's love affairs are for the great composer's love affairs are for the first time laid bare in a magazine.

Matthew White, fr., contributes a critical review of new theatrical productions, and John Grant Dater discusses present-day tendencies in the money markets. There is the usual money markets. There is the usual quota of excellent fiction and verse.

Alumni Meeting.

The alumni of Dickinson College will meet at Freund's Hail, 815 Tenth street northwest, Thursday evening at 8 'clock. All of the local alumni are requested to attend. A buffet luncheon will be

Granards Entertain. LONDON, Feb. 12.—Lady Granard (nee Miles) and the Earl of Granard have begun a series of elaborate entertainments at their new residence. Forbes House, Friday evening they gave a magnificent dinner party in the white and gold ballroom.

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